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As many buildings are penalised for not harvesting rainwater, PWD residential quarters channel rainwater to manholes

RUNAWAY RAIN

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The state government and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) have been spending a considerable amount of money on outreach campaigns on the importance of rainwater harvesting.

The BWSSB has been collecting fines too, apart from regular water charges, from those who do not have rainwater harvesting facilities in their premises.

However, the Public Works Department (PWD) that maintains hundreds of residential buildings at Jeevan Bhima Nagar in east Bengaluru has not taken any measures till date either to promote or implement rainwater harvesting at the state government employees' quarters.

According to a PWD engineer,

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"Govt agencies should be models for rainwater harvesting. Experts have predicted acute water shortage in Bengaluru by 2050

—R Anjaneya Reddy, former member, Karnataka Ground Water Authority

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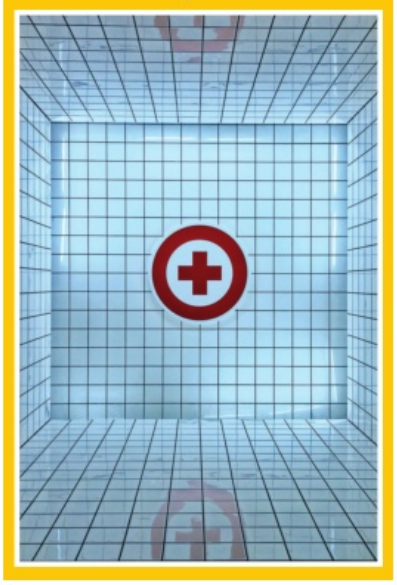
What Lokayukta found

Shortage of staff, medicine, equipment at unhygienic Palike hospitals



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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Juggling life

While the world was busy focusing on the equation 'successful life is directly proportional to hard work', it forgot the element of physical and mental health of an individual. The School of Performing Arts and Rehabilitative Kinaesthetics (SPARK) is organising a one-day workshop on 'Juggling your life' through Therapeutic Clownism, which involves activities based on therapeutic neuroplasticity, resulting in perpetual happiness and a stronger sense of relaxation. **Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb; When: Aug 28, 11a m – 2 pm Tickets: https://linktr.ee/blrcreativecircus, Contact: 97888 23484**

02 Celebrating doggos

International Dog Day is celebrated around the world in an expression of gratitude for our furry friends in the best ways possible! Can you believe that our furry friends have been with us for at least 14,000 years? It's now time to head over to Urban Solace and be part of the first ever celebration for International Dogs Day in Bangalore. Join Urban Solace for a fun time of celebration that includes paw painting, a treasure hunt, cake cutting and photo opportunities among other things and you also get to take home a doggy back of treats for your pets. **Where: Urban Solace, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road When: August 26, 6 pm – 8 pm Call: 9845013055, 9945022177**

03 Foxy Fridays

Foxtrot Marathahalli presents 'The Foxy Friday' with 'The Purpose'. The band started its journey in 2018. It is an acoustical fusion Bollywood, Sufi band based out of Bangalore, which performs their own rendition and mashups of the songs. Genres include Hindi Retro, Bollywood, Sufi Rock and Fusion. Line up consist Adityaveer Singh on guitars & vocals as a frontman, on drums & percussion Girish Gowardhan, on Keyboard Sanjay RS & on Bass guitar Akash. They started their journey from the city, playing at corporate & private events. **Where: Foxtrot, Marathahalli, Outer Ring Road; When: Aug 26, 8 pm onwards Entry: Free, 9108136001/2**

Skeletons tumbling out from Palike's hospitals

Lack of staff, unhygienic conditions, shortage of medicines and equipment: these were some of Karnataka Lokayukta's many findings after paying a surprise visit

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The Karnataka Lokayukta has turned the spotlight on the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) maternity homes, referral hospitals and primary health centres amid allegations of the medical staff being apathetic, negligent, unpunctual, and greedy while discharging their duties. The Karnataka Lokayukta has constituted 11 teams; each team consisting of a judicial officer, deputy superintendent of police and two or three police inspectors to ensure facilities are provided properly.

"Our teams made 11 surprise visits on Wednesday and 10 visits on Thursday. The teams are collating the data on the condition of BBMP hospitals in the city. After collecting the data, we will register cases against those responsible for dereliction of duty, shortage of medicines and medical staff, and unhygienic conditions at the hospitals," said Karnataka Lokayukta Justice BS Patil.

Justice Patil recalled his surprise visit to Victoria Hospital based on an anonymous phone call. "I found that there is a shortage of surgical cotton and lack of updates in the register regarding distribution of medicines," said Justice Patil.

The Lokayukta said that he would issue notices to the doctors and administrators of BBMP Hospitals after collecting complete data from the inspection teams. "We will give sufficient time to the BBMP doctors or people responsible for the maintenance of those hospitals, which are visited by our teams, to improve medical services and facilities. If they fail to do so, we will register cases against them."

Damp walls of a medicine storage room; A Lokayukta team inspects a medical facility

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> – Karnataka Lokayukta Justice BS Patil

He said that he was shocked to witness the chaos on a surprise visit to a 30-bedded government maternity hospital at Hidkal in Bagalkot district. "I visited the hospital in May when I was Upa Lokayukta.

I came to know that not a single Cesarean delivery (C-section) was done in a year due to lack of gynaecologists and anaesthesiologists. I visited Bagalkot in the first week of August to enquire about the facilities at the government maternity hospital, Hidkal.

The authorities told me that they have already appointed a gynaecologist and anaesthesiologist for that hospital and conducted 30 Caesarean deliveries in July month," he said.

Meanwhile, a deputy superintendent of police, Lokayukta, said the team found lack of facilities at JJ Nagar BBMP Maternity Hospital. Walls of a medicine storeroom are damp with fungus. There was a lot of garbage behind the hospital building. The medicine store room is adjacent to the operation theatre. The damp walls may pose danger to the women undergoing Caesarean deliveries at the operation theatre. We came to know that there is one first division clerk for seven maternity hospitals, the Dy SP said.

Over 100 artisans display 'national symbol' themed crafts

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The toll on artisans due to the pandemic had gone unnoticed. Most lost their livelihoods. After a two-year break, many artisans have now had the chance to come forward and display their products. Commemorating India at 75, over a hundred plus artisans came together to showcase their products in the city. The same will take place with a special artistic representation of the national symbols in a four-day event.

A Hundred Hands, set up 12 years ago to revive dying arts and help artisans earn a sustainable livelihood, initiated the event, the Monsoon Collective, at NIFT Bengaluru (August 24-28).

Artisans from different states like Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Tamil Nadu joined hands to display their products with the theme of 'seven national symbols'. The focus of this year's collective was to encourage artisans to think afresh.

Ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi, kids paint idols at the bazaar

Mala Dhawan, co-founder, A Hundred Hands, said, "We wanted to use our national symbols to drive home a sense of patriotism among citizens, reminding them of our rich heritage. Choosing a focus for The Monsoon Collective has helped our artists think out of the box. The symbols chosen have an underlying message of conservation."

When Covid happened, it impacted the artisans as they are dependent on daily production and sales. There were no fares, no sales, and no raw material. Artisans were even struggling to feed their families. Now, there is hope for them to sell their work.

Various stalls such as thumbprint art, blue pottery painting, origami, and flower pounding are a part of the bazaar. Dialogues on symbols and motifs in Indian textile art will also take place. One can find handlooms and weaves made by artisans from different states.

"The idea of The Annual Handmade Collective is to encourage a direct crafter-to-consumer interface where crafters learn about consumer preferences, and consumers are given a glimpse into the sweat, tears, and joy that goes into creating each unique item," said a member of A Hundred Hands.

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Kids can slip, not slide, in this park

BBMP, Horticulture Department pass around responsibility to fix Coles Park's damaged equipment

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Fed up with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) inaction over Coles Park, residents are suggesting that they seek help from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in case of fund shortages. The BBMP plans on holding a joint meeting with the Horticulture Department to discuss solutions.

For many years, residents have been complaining about the neglected children's play area in the park. When it was introduced, it was supposed to have a slew of equipment including a tyre tunnel, sloping net, rocking boat, see-saw, and swing. At the entrance of this park, an old board still boasts of these facilities, but what one sees is just broken equipment and jutting metal pieces that could fatally injure children.

When Bangalore Mirror visited the spot, most of the equipment was damaged and looked unusable. The only standing structure, the giant pyramid which offers a slide feature, has endured cracks and is covered in moss. Due to the poor upkeep of the park, parents need to sit and supervise their children rather than let them roam free.

A social activist, Habiba Subhan, who has been fighting for the restoration of the park for some time, said, "The play equipment is dangerous for children. In a ward committee meeting, we were assured that the equipment was fixed, but the condition remains the same. BBMP has been working on the beautification of the park, but this stretch has been left neglected. If BBMP does not have funds for Coles Park, they can seek CSR funds and get this implemented," she said.

Subhan also noted that BBMP has been reluctant about opening the public toilet facility in the park which is almost completed. The park is visited by senior citizens who need a washroom.

Most of the equipment inside Coles park is damaged and unusable by children; some parents have even stopped bringing their kids here

Some parents have stopped bringing their children to this park altogether. Rachana, parent of a five-year-old, who lives near Coles Park, is forced to go to Defense Colony Park and Milton Park.

"It's terrible to see the state of the park in a locality like Frazer Town. It's dangerous to take a child there. The equipment is outdated, rusty, or broken. Most of the place is destroyed. Despite living right near the park, I have to go looking for other parks" she said.

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>
> –Rachana, parent

Naveed, who takes his nephew to the park, observed that the safety of children is at risk. "There are not enough security guards to ensure the safety of children. Parts of the slide have been unbolted and now metal parts sticking out pose a threat," he said.

Regarding who would replace the equipment, the BBMP and the Horticulture Department have been passing the buck.

The former said that they are trying to get the area repaired.

"The replacement of the park equipment should be undertaken by the Horticulture Department. Tomorrow, we will conduct a joint meeting with them and the project division to come to a solution," said BBMP Executive Engineer, Pulikeshi Nagar, Tippeswamy.

However, when BM contacted the Horticulture Department, they noted that replacement of equipment would fall under the BBMP's project division even though the park would fall under their jurisdiction.

Woes spill out of encroached drain

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Residents of 2nd Cross 6th block, Rajajinagar say their cup of civic woes is brimming over. They claim that a temple in the area has encroached upon and blocked a rajakaluve, street drains, and the conservancy lane in the area, causing frequent water logging.

They also say that due to the temple's buildings encroaching the rajakaluve, silt and garbage is getting accumulated in the area, causing health issues.

Buvanraj G, a resident, said, "The temple is not registered. Initially, the dimensions of the temple were 10 feet by 10 feet, but they have encroached on the 1st and 2nd cross. They have also encroached the rajakaluve. Due to this, the rajakaluve water is entering our houses whenever it rains. Even street drains have been encroached by them."Buvanraj G, a resident, said, "The temple is not registered. Initially, the dimensions of the temple were 10 feet by 10 feet, but they have encroached the 1st and 2nd cross. They have also encroached the rajakaluve. Due to this, the rajakaluve water is entering our houses whenever it rains. Even street drains have been encroached by them."

A temple has allegedly blocked the rajakaluve and street drains in the area

Residents have also alleged that the conservancy lane, which has been blocked by the temple, connects all the crossroads. Manjunath Gowda, another resident, said, "The temple has made a metal sheet roof which is encroaching the space of our building, and the rooftop water and dust enters our compound."

Rishikesh M, also a resident of the area, told BM that just a few days ago, following heavy rains, water had overflowed from the rajakaluve and entered his house. He reported that it took a day to get rid of all the water. Because of garbage and silt accumulating in the rajakaluve, the place has reportedly become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and is creating health issues.

BBMP assistant engineer, Vajinath M Patil, said, "We are planning to construct RCC drains on both sides of the road. The estimate for the same has been made and we will start work soon."

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Road to dumpyard

JP Nagar

This place in SBI Colony, 1st Phase, JP Nagar has become a garbage dumping spot for people.

Unchecked trashing

KR Layout

There are unorganised garbage dumps being made in Dr Puneeth Rajkumar Road, KR Layout.

Traffic management

Richmond Park

Congestion at Richmond Road today morning. No one is taking any action regarding this.

Separated during bus journey, mom & daughter reunite

Swift, coordinated action by cops helps young kid who couldn't deboard in time, reach where her mom was

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A woman and her 12-year-old daughter who got separated while deboarding a bus were reunited in a jiffy, thanks to the swift action of cops. The incident happened at CMTI junction.

The middle-aged woman and her daughter were travelling from Sumanahalli (Magadi Road) junction. She was to get down at CMTI junction (near Goraguntepalya). Around 11 am, the bus was already crowded and the woman, with great difficulty, got down. She suddenly realised that her daughter had remained in the bus. As the young girl didn't have any mobile phone with her, the mother panicked and tried to run behind the bus, but it had already moved past.

She soon approached a cop standing near the signal. The traffic cop said, "When the woman approached me, she was quite tense. The difficult part was that she didn't remember the bus number or registration number. So, it became a challenge for us to track it. However, I immediately sent a message to the wireless about the missing daughter."

Cops say that it was quite a challenge for them to trace the bus as the junction was located on the busy Bengaluru-Nelamangala Road which sees huge traffic volume. Worse, there are multiple roads leading from that junction including one towards Outer Ring Road (towards BEL Circle and Hebbal) and the other road leading towards Yeswanthpur.

As soon as the message was received by the cops standing near the Goraguntepalya junction (which was around 500 metres away from the CMTI junction), the cops quickly formed two teams. One team moved to the ORR side and the other moved towards Yeswanthpur road (under Goraguntepalya junction).

A traffic cop posted near ORR said, "We were stopping all the buses heading towards ORR. We would get inside the bus and ask every young girl whether she was alone or not. We probably searched at least five buses without any luck. However, in the sixth bus, we saw a young girl standing in a corner. We suspected that she could be the missing girl. When we inquired, she said that her mother was missing and she was clueless as to what to do next.

Cops advise much care while taking the bus with young children

"During peak hours, it is difficult for parents to hold young kids while deboarding the bus – Police officer

So, we took her with us and then again sent a message via wireless set to the cops standing at CMTI junction. After a while, the lady was brought to the Goraguntepalya junction where she was thrilled to see her daughter. Then, arranged an auto for the two. ASI Rajashekar, Manjanna, Chandrashekar and Shivakumar were part of this operation."

Cops advise parents to take care of their kids when they are travelling in buses. "Many times, we have seen during peak hours, it becomes difficult for the parents to hold their young children while deboarding the bus. In the above case, the entire situation unfolded in a distance of 500 metres and we could easily connect them."

Tumkur Road accident claims 9 lives

In a ghastly road accident, nine passengers were killed and 14 of them sustained grievous injuries. The accident took place when a Force Trax Cruiser vehicle, a long chassis jeep they were travelling in, collided with a lorry on the National Highway 48 at Kallambella Police Station limits near Tumkur.

The cruiser, ferrying a total of 24 passengers, all labourers from Raichur and their children, was heading towards Bengaluru when the accident occurred at Ballenahalli near an Anjaneyaswamy temple between 3:30 and 4 am. The victims have been identified as Sujatha Prabhu, (25), Lakshmi, Vinodha, Krishnappa, the driver of the cruiser, Prabhu, Basamma (50), and three bodies that are yet to be identified, the police said. Fourteen others were grievously injured and have been admitted to the Tumkur District Hospital.

Some of the injured who have been identified were Durgamma, Balaji (6), Sandeep, Umesh (22), Yellamma Umesha, Anil, and Devaraj Shanappa. The rest of the injured are in the ICU in a critical condition, police informed. Soon after the accident in the wee hours, locals gathered at the spot and informed the police, who in turn informed the Fire and Emergency Services. They had to rush to extricate the injured and the dead bodies from the front side of the cruiser vehicle which was mangled heavily.

Police personnel inspect the mangled remains of a vehicle after an accident near Kalambella in Tumakaru

After preliminary inquiries from injured passengers, the policemen learnt that the cruiser driver had stopped for a refreshment break in the middle of the night and had consumed liquor. All the labourers belonged to Raichur and were on their way for construction work in Bengaluru, the police said.

Soon after the accident, senior police officers including Superintendent of Police, Tumkur, Rahul Kumar, along with his Additional SP, Udhesh, visited the spot and supervised the rescue operations. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra visited the district hospital. — BMB

Cabinet nod to strengthen Lokayukta

The Karnataka cabinet on Thursday gave a nod to empower the Lokayukta in the state.The cabinet meeting, presided over by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, took a decision not to file a petition of appeal against the judgment of two-judge bench nullifying the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and giving police power to Lokayukta.

The Cabinet has decided to follow the order of the High Court. State Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy said the government will look into the issue of providing enough staff and consent for the prosecution.

He clarified that there is no connection between the individual who had approached the Supreme Court challenging the order of the High Court and the government.

The decision has been taken to fill up vacant seven posts in Lokayukta by outsourcing.

In 2016, the Congress-led Karnataka goernment headed by Siddaramaiah had make Lokayukta institution toothless by creating ACB. — IANS

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Bengaluru-Chennai train rides to become shorter

Meanwhile, train travel from Karnataka to Delhi has gotten longer than usual

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In a move that is bitter for some and sweet for others, those travelling to Chennai may see a reduction in travel time in the near future while the commuting time to Delhi has become longer (except Rajdhani Express).

Thousands of commuters travel between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu on a daily basis. This is one of the very few routes from Bengaluru which is both electrified and has a double track.

Currently, the Shatabdi express between Bengaluru and Chennai is the fastest train on this route which covers 359 kilometres in around five hours with an average speed of 72 kmph. Other trains like Lalbagh express take 5 hours and 55 minutes with an average of 61 kmph. The average speed of the other trains on this route is anywhere between 55 kmph to 61 kmph. Railways wants to cut down the travel time further.

Aneesh Hegde, Chief PRO of South Western Railways, told Bangalore Mirror, "We are in the process of carrying out a detailed project report (DPR) to check the feasibility of running trains on this route by increasing the speed to 160 kmph. Currently, the trains can attain a maximum speed of 110 kmph at certain stretches on this route. To increase the trains to higher speed, curves need to be flattened, tracks have been strengthened, barricading will be done where necessary, and bridges will be rehabilitated and made fit for that speed."

Wherever technically feasible, automatic signalling will be put in place to reduce time lost in manual signal operations, he added, saying that other technological aspects will be looked into by the team of experts working on the DPR.

There is a proposal to strengthen tracks, increase speed on the Bengaluru-Secunderabad route

Post Covid, the travel time of Samparka Kranti has become longer with the travel time ranging between 43 hours to 45 hours, excluding time lost to potential delays

There is a proposal to run a Vande Bharat train on this route in the near future, and such trains can run up to a speed of 160 kmph. If this speed can be attained at major stretches, then the travel time between the two cities can be cut down to less than four hours. Meanwhile, reports say that Southern Railways is also working on increasing speed between Jolarpettai and Chennai sections to 130 kmph and then to 160 kmph. There is also a proposal to strengthen the railway tracks and increase speed on the Bengaluru-Secunderabad route.

Delhi train journey becomes longer

The train journey between Bengaluru and Delhi has become longer in a number of trains. The fastest train between Bengaluru and Delhi is the Rajadhani Express, which covers a distance of 2,367 kmph in 33 hours. For a long time, the Karnataka Express has been covering the distance in 37.11 hours, though this train is known to be delayed often.

Due to the increased ridership between the state and national capital, and Rajadhani being a premiere train, Railways had announced the Samparka Kranti Express. Karnataka Samparka Kranti was one of the first such trains in the country and was initially touted to be a non-stop train covering the distance between the two states in around 34-35 hours. The direct train was running via Secunderabad.

However, the train was routed via Hubballi for two days a week, which became a longer journey. Post Covid, the travel time of Samparka Kranti has become longer with the travel time ranging between 43 hours to 45 hours, excluding time lost to potential delays. Many commuters are demanding Railways to deploy a route via Secunderabad which can be faster, but when contacted, Hegde said that the route was now passing via Hubballi or Ballari due to the demand of commuters.

10-day State Assembly from Sept 12

The stage is set for a high voltage Assembly session in Karnataka. Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs J C Madhuswamy stated on Thursday that the session will be held between September 12 and 22.

Madhuswamy stated that the decision had been taken to conduct a 10-day session at a cabinet meeting. The Opposition Congress and JD (S) are likely to target the ruling BJP over the law and order situation in the state.

The revenge killings in Dakshina Kannada district are likely to be discussed at length during the session.

The murder of Masood allegedly led to the killing of BJP Yuva Morcha member Praveen Kumar Nettare, which in turn led to the killing of Mohammad Fazil Mangalpet. The investigations have proved that all three killings were revenge murders. Though Masood was killed in a road rage case, the investigations have shown that the accused had links with Hindutva organisations.

The Opposition is waiting to swoop in on the ruling BJP over the preferential treatment in Praveen's case. The BJP has given Rs 25 lakh compensation and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai visited his family.

However, the government functionaries did not visit Masood and Mohammad Fazil's

The Opposition is likely to target Bommai's government over law and order in state

families. Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and former CM H D Kumaraswamy from the JD (S) have criticised the government over the issue.

Siddaramaiah had also stated that he would raise the issue of 40 per cent commission by BJP ministers. State Congress president D K Shivakumar has stated that the BJP is misusing the government agencies and he is prepared to face any consequences. He is also likely to launch attacks on the ruling party.

With assembly elections fast approaching, the BJP has the daunting task of defending itself from the attacks of the opposition parties as well as highlighting its achievements.

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Rajajinagar people happy about Ram Mandir Ground

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The Ram Mandir Ground in Rajajinagar will soon get its long-due makeover at a cost of Rs 6 crore, and residents are thrilled. The ground is a popular choice for cultural and sports activities and is used by the neighbourhood for evening strolls as well.

The ground will have a tensile roof inside and outside the premises up to the drain adjacent to the ground. Tensile roofs enable residents to walk around even during rains. The walkway around the ground will have interlocking tiles.

The ground has been developed at a cost of about Rs six crore

The ground has been developed under the Amrutha Nagarothana Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs six crore. The developmental work began in the first week of June and is expected to be completed by October-end.

"I grew up playing in the ground and have a lot of childhood memories, so I want to do it with special care," said Yashas Nayak, the contractor.

He said that the construction of the retaining wall with 52 columns and a through beam for the tensile roof is in progress.

"We want to complete the work on or before the deadline, but it will depend on the monsoon. The ground will have all amenities including floodlights and speakers," he said, adding that the reinforced RCC galaxy will have lapartha granite which is considered to be 'anti-slip'.

Residents are happy with these developments.

"I used to play on this ground during my childhood. I'm glad the authorities began the work," said Shreyas S, a resident.

Praveen Kumar, another resident, said, "The ground had become a destination for smokers at night as there were no lights. Now, with sufficient lights, the place will be free from smokers."

Rajajinagar MLA S Suresh Kumar said that the ground has been an iconic location and needs to be developed. The ground will have all amenities including a walkway around the ground, he said, adding that residents who come for a walk can continue to do so without any hassles even though children use the place for sports.

"We have been trying our best to open this ground on November 1, but it will depend on the monsoon," he said.

When you gotta go, wait for politician to inaugurate loo

Residents of Kudlu ward allege newly-built public toilet is not yet opened as authorities are waiting for politician to give suitable time to inaugurate it

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A single public toilet was constructed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in the Kudlu ward in South Bengaluru a couple of months ago. It is all ready, but yet to be opened to the public. Residents allege that it took many years of discussion and coaxing for the toilet to be built and now it is waiting for a date from a local politician for the inauguration.

Residents say it is one thing to not have a facility, but a different thing to have it, but locked away.

"This is the first and the only public toilet in the ward. We have been asking for a public toilet for years but there was a space constraint issue earlier. While the utility was built after years of bringing up the issue in ward committee meetings, it is now not accessible to the public for nearly two months," said Rohit (name changed), a resident of the ward.

According to the residents of various apartment complexes in the area, roads here turn into public urinals every evening, causing the entire area to stink.

"There are many markets along with multiple garment factories in the area and streets during the evening hours are filled with people. With so much traffic and no public washrooms, people urinating in the open is a common sight. This has led to stinky streets and unhygienic conditions along many stretches in the area," rued another resident.

Interestingly, the BMTC bus stop located in this award is the last stop for many routes. However, even the BMTC drivers and conductors are left with no other choice but to relieve themselves in the open, alongside the road.

The public toilet was built in Kudlu ward two months ago

"Even BMTC did not provide a toilet facility for its staff. Looking at the precarious situation, we requested a nearby apartment complex to allow the BMTC staff to use their common toilet. However, even BMTC staff would rarely use the facility and would choose to urinate in public," informed another resident of the area.

Locals say the reason behind keeping the sole toilet in the area locked for two months is unclear. However, they alleged that the BBMP officials are waiting for a local political leader's dates to inaugurate the public utility before throwing it open to the masses.

> **While we suggested to the officials that the inauguration can be done by a pourakarmika, they have stayed put**
> –Resident of the area

"We have checked with the officials concerned and they informed us that they are not getting a date from a local politician for the inauguration. While we suggested to the officials that the inauguration can be done by a pourakarmika, they have stayed put and are waiting," lamented Rohit.

When BM contacted the BBMP official concerned, he said, "The toilet is ready and will be unlocked for public use post the Ganesha festival on August 31."

All not hunky-dory with paper cutlery

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After the plastic ban, cafes and restaurants in the city have shifted to paper cutlery -- but, the dampener is that even that can cause pollution.

Rijesh Thomas, who manages Café Casavista in Dasarahalli, said, "We have shifted to using paper straws and paper boxes to pack food. These are mostly one time use cutleries and have to be thrown after use."

Rishikesh C, Café I Fill, another café in Jalahalli, said they are using paper boxes, but have received complaints from customers that the boxes tear by the time they get home. "But we have no other alternative, as of now," he said.

Paper straws are not so green

However, environmentalists say that paper straws are not better than their plastic counterparts. They say that the paper straws will not only add to the pollution but also can have adverse effects on health.

Abhijith K, an environmentalist, said, "Paper utensils are quite harmful for the environment, especially straws. Paper straws are made using wood which is then bleached and coloured which means that a lot of chemicals are used. So, when we use straws, we are putting inside our mouth, the chemically coated liquid. While using, tiny pieces of straw can also enter into our systems. Moreover, the paper straws are just single use items which are not at all ideal for the environment." He added that paper straws may have less impact, but they are still harmful as the paper straws are made from trees. Hence, an increase in the production of paper straws will mean that more trees will get cut. He also said that the paper straws will soak some of the drink and cannot be used for recycling and there are high chances that the paper straw will end up in the landfills because most of the restaurants do not have a proper system of processing waste.

> **Paper cutlery have to be thrown after a single use; many chemicals used to process such cutlery**

"There is actually no need to use straws. Only people who have some kind of physical disability might need it. For that too there are alternatives like using sugarcane straws or using metal straws," said Abhijith.

IN BRIEF

HC notice to K'taka govt, SEC on ward reservations

The Karnataka High Court has ordered issuance of notices to the State Election Commission (SEC), state government and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on a petition challenging ward reservations to the civic body.

The hearing of the case has been adjourned to September 1.

The reservation list for the 243 wards of BBMP was issued on August 3, calling for objections. The petition filed in the HC states that the final list was announced on August 18 without considering the objections.

The petitions in the HC has sought quashing of the notification issued by the Urban Development Department.

The petition by K Mahadeva is regarding reservation in BTM Layout constituency. It said though 15 percent of the population is SC, proper representation is not provided. **PTI**

HC orders status quo on Chamrajpet Idgha ground issue

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday issued an interim order of status quo on the Chamrajpet Idgha playground that is in dispute.

The interim order says the over 2-acre land here should be used only as a playground and the Muslim community can use it for prayers only during Bakrid and Ramzan.

The Karnataka State Board of AUQAF and District Waqf Officer, Bengaluru, had challenged the August 7 order of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Joint Commissioner (west).

The BBMP Chief Commissioner had directed the Joint Commissioner (west) to verify the ownership of the land, and the officer had subsequently on August 7 decided that the land belonged to the Revenue Department.

The property dispute dates back to 1955 and the Supreme Court had ruled in favour of the Waqf in 1965. The dispute over Idgah Maidan had once again come to the fore earlier this year, when some Hindu outfits sought BBMP's permission to hold events there. This resulted in two contrary sets of documents -- the Karnataka State Board of Auqaf presented a 1965 gazette notifying the land as Wakf property and the 1974 City Survey records and all other civic records thereafter showed the land to be a playground. In the meantime, following the BBMP order, several Hindu organisations announced they would celebrate Independence Day on the ground. Congress MLA B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan had announced they would hoist the tricolour on the ground. **PTI**

Rainwater harvesting 'double standards'

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rainwater harvesting is not being implemented at the quarters due to lack of space.

There are three blocks — A, B and C — at the Jeevan Bhima Nagar quarters. Block A has 142 buildings with each one having ground plus two floors. Block B has around 50 independent buildings and Block C has more than 100 buildings.

"All these years, rainwater was being let into nearby manholes. Recently, the BWSSB engineer issued a notice to us objecting to release rainwater from the residential quarter premises into manholes. He advised us to connect rainwater pipes to the roadside drain. We have followed his advice," the PWD engineer said.

The engineer said he could not implement rainwater harvesting as the water sump occupied most of the vacant space at each of the buildings with ground plus two floors. "There is some space on the rear side of each building but residents use that space for washing clothes," the engineer told BM.

However, environmentalists said the PWD must take measures to implement rainwater harvesting without further delay.

"The government agencies or departments should be models for rainwater harvesting. Experts have predicted an acute shortage of water in Bengaluru by 2050. I am of the opinion that it is the responsibility of the government and residents to harvest rainwater in existing buildings and the buildings to be constructed in future," said R Anjaneya Reddy, a resident of Chikkaballapur, who served as a member of the Karnataka Ground Water Authority between 2012 and 2014.

V Ramprasad, co-founder of Friends of Lakes, said the government and its employees living in the aforementioned quarters should set an example for ordinary citizens to follow but the government agencies only preach and never practice. "As implementing agency, the BWSSB should penalise and disconnect water supply and sewer lines to the PWD quarters just as it does for common citizens," said Ramprasad.

Mohan Dasari, president of Aam Aadmi Party, Bengaluru, said the city would have enough groundwater provided the rainfall it receives if rainwater harvesting is implemented across geography in a citizen-friendly manner.

However, PWD assistant engineer Girish said he has already sent a proposal to higher authorities seeking funds to install rainwater harvesting equipment at blocks B and C of the residential quarters.

Meanwhile, BWSSB superintending engineer Ravindra Kumar told BM that he would issue a notice to the PWD engineers for not implementing rainwater harvesting at the residential quarters.

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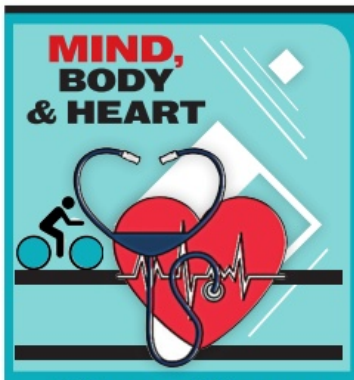

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I have a weird problem - I'm on the pill but my husband still insists on using protection.
We have three kids under eight, which is pretty hard work, and I flippantly joked one night after a few drinks that I would like another child to complete our family.
I've never seen him look so scared. He said he never wanted more kids and that it's tough enough to cope with three.
I agreed and said I was only joking or talking about "ideal world scenario" - ie, if we had the money and energy for four kids.
But it's clear he doesn't trust me - which is so offensive - and insists on condoms for "extra protection" and "just to make sure there are no accidents".
Is it just me or is this a massive overreaction?
I'm becoming more and more irritated by his paranoia.
I'd never trick him into another pregnancy.
How can I sort this out?

COLEEN SAYS

It's very clear he doesn't want another baby and maybe he's more worried you'll forget to take the pill, so is protecting against all eventualities. I don't think he would walk out on you if you did get pregnant, but he obviously wouldn't be happy about it and that would put stress on your relationship. Tell him that if he doesn't trust you - to the point where it's starting to wreck your sex life - then he should think about having a vasectomy. That will prove you're in agreement with him. It puts him in control and you'll never have to row about it again.
I do think it's important to be honest about this subject, which he has been.
I'm sure he loves your kids very much, but it's OK to admit that parenting is hard work and doesn't leave much time for you as a couple.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Xanthoma can indicate other medical conditions

With cases of this non-fatal skin condition increasing in Bengaluru, people usually stick to ignoring it

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City doctors are seeing an increase in cases of Xanthoma.

While many people tend to ignore the skin condition that is not known to be dangerous, doctors are advising individuals to get themselves checked as it could be the sign of another underlying medical condition.

Xanthoma is a skin condition in which certain fats build up under the surface of the skin. It is usually visible in adults, especially with people who have high body fat. They are most often seen on the elbows, joints, tendons, knees, hands, feet, or buttocks. It looks like a yellow or orange bump with defined borders. It could occur in clusters or even singly.

Dr Bhavyashree, Dermatologist, Specialist Hospital, said, "We are seeing an increase in cases for Xanthoma, a skin condition caused by high cholesterol or high triglyceride levels. Xanthoma isn't harmful to the skin. It is just a cosmetic indication, but is a sign that there are other underlying health issues faced by the patient like diabetes and hypothyroid."

She said that some preventive measures people can undertake include careful management of lipid profile and cholesterol levels. Another important factor is to modify current lifestyle habits to a much healthier one. It is important to determine the type and severity of the xanthoma and lipid type before the actual treatment of this disease, she added.

Only once a biopsy is done can the doctor give accurate diagnosis of the underlying problem. HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, careful surgical extraction, and laser treatments can be done to treat this condition, which will optimise the lipid profile.

Dr Mikki, Head Dermatologist and Cosmetologist, Bodycraft Clinic, described Xanthoma as a condition where fatty growths develop under the skin and are not usually painful but can sometimes be itchy.

"The treatment of the condition should rid the patient of Xanthoma. It is not life threatening and can be prevented by leading a healthy lifestyle to manage lipid and cholesterol levels," Mikki added.

A patient revealed that she had Xanthoma on eyelid. The doctors stated that it could be due cholesterol deposit and then a cryosurgery was done to remove the lump.

Dr Divya Marina Fernandes, Consultant, Heart Failure Specialist, and Interventional Cardiologist, Aster RV Hospital, stated that there has been a10 per cent rise overall in cases of Xanthoma.

The condition may not be completely preventable, but there are steps one can take to lower the risk of developing it, she explained, adding that it is also important to maintain appropriate blood lipid and cholesterol levels.

"You can do this by eating healthy foods, exercising regularly, and taking any necessary medications. Getting regular blood tests can also help you keep your lipid and cholesterol levels in check," she said.

MIRRORLIGHTS

'60% used cooking oil returns to food stream'

A recent survey report has revealed that almost 60 per cent of used cooking oil (UCO), which, according to scientists, raises the risk of contracting non-communicable diseases, including cancer, heart ailments and organ damage, often finds its way back into the food stream.

Observer Research Foundation (ORF), in association with Koan Advisory Group and Finland-based Neste, in a report revealed that the re-use of UCO by commercial food business operators (FBOs) is pervasive, especially among small establishments and street vendors, who often utilise black, smoked oil till the last drop.As many as 505 (101 large-sized and 406 small-sized) food business operators (FBOs), including street vendors and small establishments, across four metros, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi and Chennai, were surveyed in the study.

According to Dr Amit Javed, Director, Gastrointestinal Surgeries, CK Birla Hospital, "Re-using cooking oil causes free radicals in the oil to get released. These free radicals are carcinogenic. Reusing cooking oil may lead to stomach cancer and cancer in the food pipe, apart from heart disease. Cooking oil mustn't be reused even once. Regulatory agencies have prepared guidelines on the proper use of cooking oil, which must be adhered to, in the interest of public health and wellbeing."

In India, consumption of UCO in any form is strictly prohibited under food safety guidelines. The Food and Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative – under which UCO was collected and converted to biodiesel - to combat the health menace.

"Reusing cooking oil aggravates risks of atherosclerosis, hypertension, liver diseases, and Alzheimer's," said Oommen Kurian, Senior Fellow, Health Initiative, ORF, and co-author of the report.

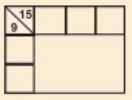
—PTI

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

I have 4 sisters. Each sister has 3 brothers. How many siblings are we?

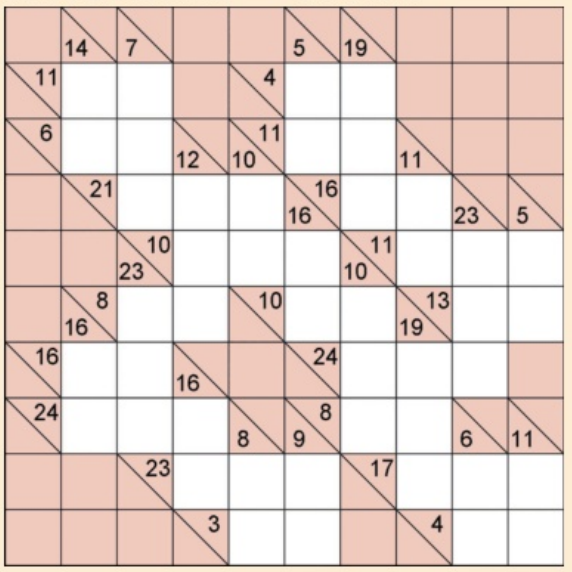
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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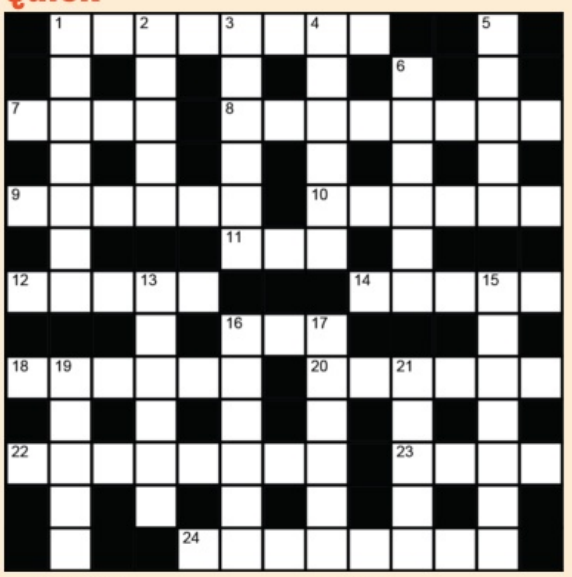


ACROSS

1 Commence (5,3)
7 Organic compound (4)
8 Flees (4,4)
9 Slacken (6)
10 Deleted (6)
11 And in Hindi (3)
12 Divisions (5)
14 Blink of an eye (5)
16 High Power Amplifier (3)
18 You will find the Bangalore Golf Club on this road (6)
20 Important city in Pakistan (6)
22 Just a thousand grammes? (8)
23 Mosque leader (4)
24 Hooked (8)

DOWN

1 Nightfall (7)
2 Spindles, revolving shafts (5)
3 Capital of Albania (6)
4 One of the ten on hand? (6)
5 Criticism or censure (5)
6 Spicy sausage (6)
13 Play against, contend with (4,2)
15 Ahead, to the front (7)
16 Crossbreed (6)
17 Past pupils (6)
19 Stay; remain (5)
21 Armed robbery (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS G

KDUHZMV UEE ZK LDC EUUI'K ZOCN UE VIUFX.

Linemaro

When I saw your face, I thought I died and went to heaven

Mindchow

Virtue is persecuted more by the wicked than it is loved by the good.

Joke of the day

Alcohol may lead you to believe that ex-lovers are really dying for you to telephone them at 4 am

Loop

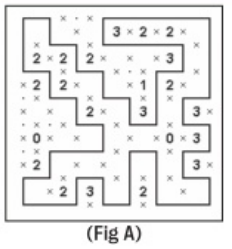
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

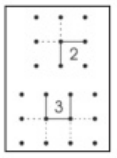
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

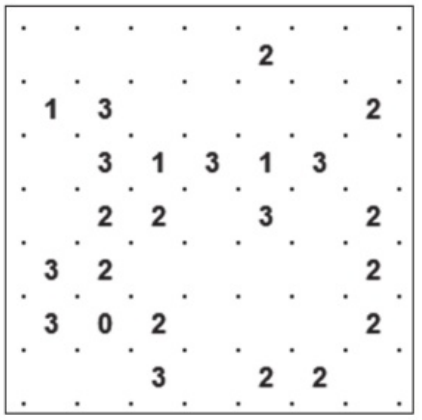
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



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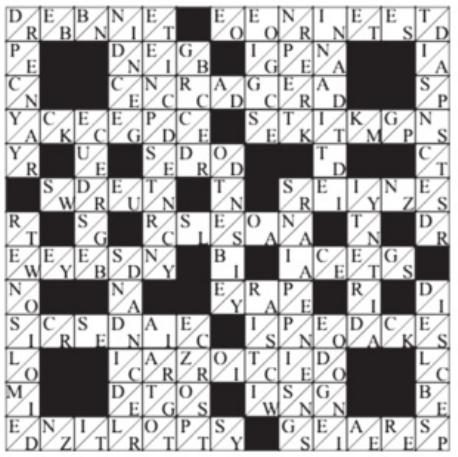

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6			H	
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8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Calpe; 6 Ah pal; 7 Naans; 8 Niter; 9 Tacos

DOWN

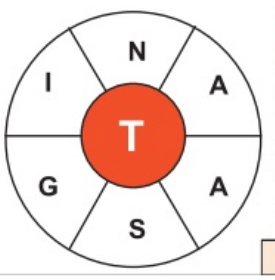
1 In Cap; 2 No all; 3 An ape; 4 Ratch; 5 Asset

Mensapuzzle

Start at one of the four corner letters and spiral clockwise round the perimeter, finishing at the centre letter to spell out a nine-letter word. You must provide the missing letters.

E	A	D
		I
P	A	

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		3		8		4		
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	7		9		8		1	
	6						4	
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		1		9		7		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 14
3 3 5 9

Medium = 56
1 2 6 7

Hard = 17
2 6 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Desk is wider. 2. Nose is smaller. 3. Blinds are higher. 4. Pocket is moved. 5. File cabinet is taller. 6. Desk lamp is different.

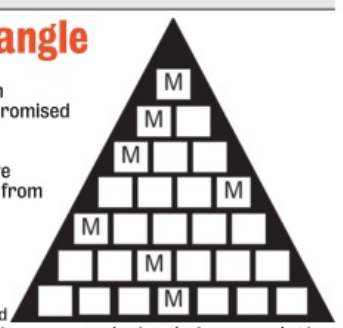
Riddler

What is represented by this BrainBat?

EEYEEDD

Alpha triangle

1 Molarity
2 Personal pronoun
3 _ halfway : com promised
4 Overrun with
5 Confronts
6 Powerful explosive
7 Grants immunity from



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

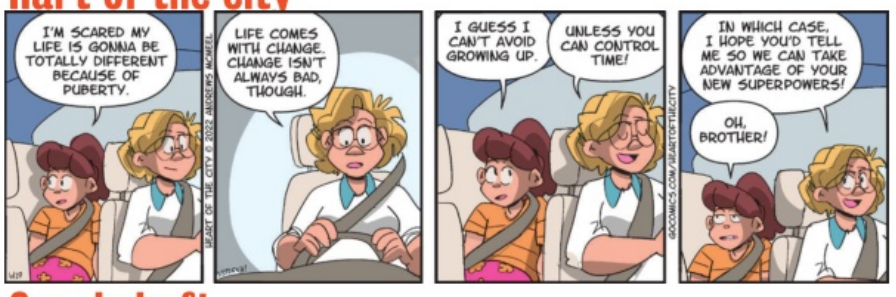
COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city



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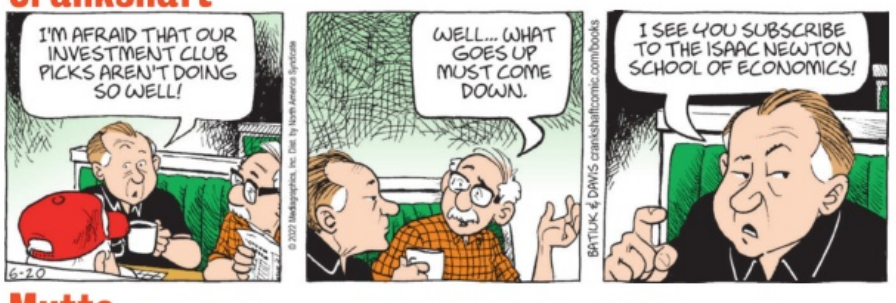

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may hear good news from your sibling. You may spend your time with family and friends. With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with a family member, which will be beneficial in the near future. Your subordinates at the office may help you in terms of projects.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel negative. Tasks become incomplete as you become a victim of mood swings. Your patience may be tested many times. Silly mistakes can leave you confused. Lovebirds may find themselves to be confused in terms of feelings.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today the positive moon will help you. You may feel happiness and peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life. Your juniors can cooperate with you to make some important decisions in business. You may plan to start a new venture with the help of your siblings and network. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your moon becomes negative. You may feel detached from your responsibilities. You could also spend more on purchasing worthless items, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be a victim of conspiracy.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the moon and can enjoy your family and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help with smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You can also plan to renovate your house or office.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may enjoy it at work and be rewarded for your hard work. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind could make you tired, and you may not be able to reach some family event. Chronic health issues related to your parents may be cured now.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today the moon is on your side and you may be satisfied with your work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some spiritual places to maintain your inner peace. Your elders are likely to show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today your moon becomes negative. You may feel dull, and it is advised to keep your mind cool. Remember to think twice before any act. You may travel to recover money, otherwise you may lose it. You are also advised to avoid adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth studying to get success.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the positive moon and may feel good. Domestic harmony could make you happy. You may meet some influential people who may help you get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well at your job and can expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property are likely to settle down.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be healthy and able to focus on your goals. Your performance may be very good at work. You may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in any legal matter. You are likely to have control over your opponents and business rivals.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be more intellectual and will prefer gaining knowledge. You may control your short-temperedness, which will help you perform your tasks smoothly. There may be some chances for smooth earnings, which may bring comfort to your workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments. You are likely to spend money for love.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today your moon becomes negative and you may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities to be a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete tasks given to you. You may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency could slow down, which may affect your daily work. Take advice from elders before making important decisions.

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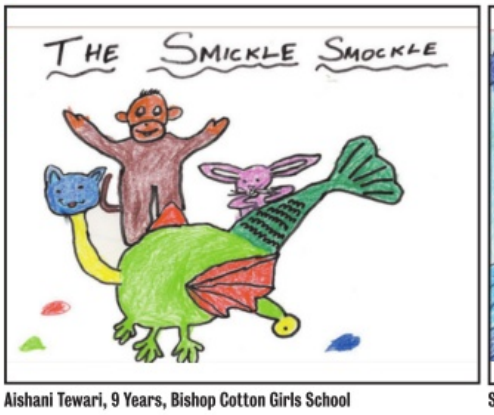

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
If the person saying this is a male, then they are 7 siblings – 4 sisters and 3 brothers.

BULL'S EYE
AGAINST, angst, gait, giant, gist, gnat, saint, satin, sating, stag, stain, sting

FAST FIVE

P	L	A	C	E
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STRIKE OUT

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 # Big B as music composer
The upcoming film 'Chup' will mark the debut of veteran superstar Amitabh Bachchan as a music composer, director R Balki divulged the details as the film is set to release on September 23

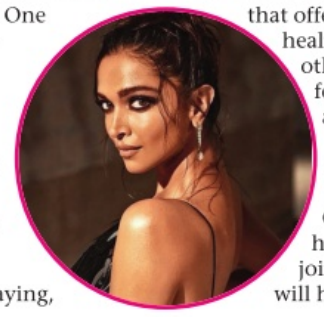
Spilling the beans

News afloat that DP will be part of Meghan's women-centric podcast

A teaser clip of Meghan Markle's new podcast features voice clips of her upcoming guests and it seemingly includes Deepika Padukone as well.

Meghan Markle is all set to deconstruct the history of societal stereotypes about women in her latest podcast 'Archetypes'.

As revealed in previous news reports, Markle will speak at length about the double standards women face in society. She will be in conversation with Serena Williams and Mariah Carey among many other famous names for the weekly podcast. One among them, is believed to be Bollywood superstar Deepika Padukone.



After repeatedly watching the teaser clip, Deepika fans are convinced she will feature as one of the guests on the audio show. Taking to Twitter, fans shared the clip that had them convinced that it was Padukone who can be heard saying, "Sensitive and emotional." Although it is yet to be confirmed if Deepika is infact a part of the series, it comes as a pleasant surprise that she features as one of the guests in the series that is said to have approximately 12 parts. It would be interesting to hear what is in store from the upcoming podcast.

Both Deepika and Meghan have been advocates for the cause of mental health. Meghan's husband, Prince Harry has also been an advocate for the cause and even launched his own app early this year. The Royal, who served his time in the army, launched the app that offers online coaching and mental health services. Deepika, on the other hand, launched her foundation that creates awareness about mental health.

It is known that Meghan is good friends with another Bollywood actress - Priyanka Chopra - who she even invited to her wedding. Could PeeCee also join in for the podcast? Guess we will have to wait to find out. **ETimes**

4 pics that describe Rashmika

Actress Rashmika Mandanna has now put out four pictures of herself on social media, saying these were the actual pictures that described her as she really was.

Taking to Instagram, Rashmika said: "I don't really remember when this was shot.. but other than being an actor, I think these are the four pictures that just describe me as ME!"

"They say na - that pictures can speak a thousand words. It such does. I don't remember when these were taken but I think I remember the feeling I had when these were taken. So well, this is me in my own little world."

"It makes me feel calm... looking at these pictures. It's so strange but I love it!," she wrote.

The actress has been having a dream run in both Tamil and Telugu industries with all her recent films from 'Pushpa' to the recently released 'Sita Ramam' going on to become superhits.

She is now working on Vamshi Paidipally's bilingual film, 'Varisu', featuring actor Vijay in the lead.

—IANS

Jason Momoa to play 'quirky and androgynous' villain

Hollywood star Jason Momoa is excited to play a "quirky" villain in 'Fast X'.

Cast as an antagonist in the latest movie of the 'Fast and Furious' franchise, the 43-year-old actor can't wait for the next phase of his career.

"I've never played a character that's, what's the word - he's evil and quirky and androgynous. He's very sadistic and fun. It's very bizarre," Moma told Entertainment Tonight.

The 'Game of Thrones' star enjoyed starring in the flick - which is due to be released in 2023 - and embraced playing a bad guy in the "Fast" family.

He said: "I haven't played a villain in a very long time." Jason will reprise his role as Aquaman in the DC Extended Universe (DCEU) sequel 'Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom' and he said that the film will be a "brothers' journey" between his alter ego Arthur Curry and the hero's half-brother Orm Marius, played by Patrick Wilson.

When Kiara met Sid

The eighth episode of 'Koffee With Karan' got out on Thursday at midnight and it was quite a spicy one! Many beans were spilled on Kiara Advani's relationship status with Sidharth Malhotra, ultimately leading to her subtly confirming that she is indeed dating him!

While Kiara admitted that Sidharth was "more than just a close friend" to her, Karan and Shahid couldn't stop asking her to tell them when the duo is planning to get married. Amongst many bits and pieces of their fun banter was one special revelation that Kiara made on the show - how she met Siddharth!

Kiara revealed that it was not on the sets of their film 'Shershah' that they met for the first time. She informed me that they had met much before they started doing the film together, after the wrap-up party of her Netflix project 'Lust Stories'. And there's more to it - Karan Johar was also there! Kiara said, "Sid and I know each other from before we were cast in Shershaah." Karan then intervened and said, "Yes, much before", to which Kiara replied and said, "Yes at the wrap party of Lust Stories which we crashed."

Karan then narrated their first meeting and said, "We crashed a friend's house and the cast of Lust Stories as we had and Sid also came to the party and that's where you (Kiara) and Sid met for the first time."

Shahid then said that it's a good thing to remember your first meeting and Kiara smiled and replied, "Of course, I will never forget."

When asked about her marriage plans with her 'Shershah' co-star, she replied, "I do see that in my life. But I'm not revealing that on Koffee with Karan today."

In response to this Shahid cracked a joke and stated, "Sounds like she is ready. 15 minutes back she was not accepting the relationship. And now she is almost confessing to the fact that she is ready."

Apparently, Kiara and Sidharth have been in a relationship for a very long time, and the duo frequently gets spotted by the paps during their outings. **ANI**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Different shade

National Award winner Chetan Mundadi is back in action. After winning the National Award in 2016 for Madipu, he made Varnapatala, which was about children with autism. Now, Mundadi is busy with his latest Bhaava Poorna. "The movie highlights the feelings of human beings. It is about a 50-year-old man from a tiny village trying his best to realise his dream. Ramesh Pandit plays the lead role. It also highlights politics of mandal panchayats in rural areas," said Mundadi.

Stating that importance is given to content, the director said Ramesh Pandit will play a different role in this movie. "All these years, Ramesh is known for villain roles. I tried to showcase him in a different role," the director said. Its shooting is expected to start at Southadka near Belthangady on September 8. Prashanth Anjanappa makes debut as a producer with this movie.

A murder mystery

Director Kiran Kumar V, who made his debut as director with Devranthaa Manushya in which Bigg Boss fame Pratham played the lead role, is all set to come out with one more Kannada movie – Mardhini.

According to Kiran Kumar, most artistes in Mardhini are newcomers and it was a herculean task for him to make them act as per the script. "I have to thank Jagadish Jaggi, state and national vice president of Sudeep Fans' Association, who bankrolled this movie. He insisted that I select newcomers who crave for opportunities in movies. We organised a three-month workshop for the artistes," said Kiran Kumar.

He said the shooting of Mardhini was done in Bengaluru and Chikkamagaluru. "The movie's shooting began before covid. We struggled to complete the shooting due to the lockdown. Finally, we managed to complete shooting and are busy making arrangements to release this movie on September 8," he said. He said artistes were selected through auditions. "I am happy with the performance of lead actress Ritanya Huvanna," he said.